CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A method of displaying an execution status of a command, said command being executed on a plurality of computer systems in a network, said method comprising the steps of:

displaying a dialog window, said dialog window being divided into sub-windows for displaying present status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems; and

displaying the status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems within a proper sub-window.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein said sub-windows include a "waiting" sub-window, a "working" sub-window and a "completed" sub-window.

3. The method of Claim 2 wherein the step of displaying the status of the execution of the command includes displaying the names of the computer systems in the sub-windows in accordance with the status of the execution of the command on the computer systems.

4. The method of Claim 3 wherein when the command begins to execute on a computer system, the name of the computer system is moved from the "waiting" sub-window to the "working" sub-window.

5.   The method of Claim 4 wherein when the command has finished executing on a computer, the name of the computer is moved from the "working" sub-window to the "completed" sub-window.

6.   The method of Claim 5 wherein the "completed" sub-window is further divided into a "successful" sub-window and a "failed" sub-window.

7.   The method of Claim 6 wherein the names of the computer systems that have successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

8.   The method of Claim 7 wherein the names of the computer systems that have not successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

9.   The method of Claim 8 wherein the names of the computer systems are displayed in red in the "failed" sub-window.

10.   The method of Claim 9 wherein when the displayed name of a computer system is selected further information about the status of the command executing on the computer system is displayed.

11.   The method of Claim 10 wherein if the selected computer system is displayed in the failed sub-window, a reason for the unsuccessful completion of the execution of the command is displayed.

12. The method of Claim 11 wherein if the selected computed system is displayed in the executing sub-window, a real-time progress of the execution of the command is displayed.

13. A computer program product on a computer readable medium for displaying an execution status of a command, said command being executed on a plurality of computer systems in a network, said computer program product comprising:

code for displaying a dialog window, said dialog window being divided into sub-windows for displaying present status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems; and

code for displaying the status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems within the proper sub-window.

14. The computer program product of Claim 13 wherein said sub-windows include a "waiting" sub-window, a "working" sub-window and a "completed" sub-window.

15. The computer program product of Claim 14 wherein the code for displaying the status of the execution of the command includes code for displaying the names of the computer systems in the sub-windows in accordance with the status of the execution of the command on the computer systems.

16. The computer program product of Claim 15 wherein when the command begins to execute on a computer system, the name of the computer system is moved from the "waiting" sub-window to the "working" sub-window.

17. The computer program product of Claim 16 wherein when the command has finished executing on a computer, the name of the computer is moved from the "working" sub-window to the "completed" sub-window.

18. The computer program product of Claim 17 wherein the "completed" sub-window is further divided into a "successful" sub-window and a "failed" sub-window.

19. The computer program product of Claim 18 wherein the names of the computer systems that have successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

20. The computer program product of Claim 19 wherein the names of the computer systems that have not successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

21. The computer program product of Claim 20 wherein the names of the computer systems are displayed in red in the "failed" sub-window.

22. The computer program product of Claim 21 wherein when the displayed name of a computer system is selected further information about the status of the

command executing on the computer system is displayed.

23. The computer program product of Claim 22 wherein if the selected computer system is displayed in the failed sub-window, a reason for the unsuccessful completion of the execution of the command is displayed.

24. The computer program product of Claim 23 wherein if the selected computed system is displayed in the executing sub-window, a real-time progress of the execution of the command is displayed.

25. An apparatus for displaying an execution status of a command, said command being executed on a plurality of computer systems in a network, said apparatus comprising:

means for displaying a dialog window, said dialog window being divided into sub-windows for displaying present status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems; and

means for displaying the status of the execution of the command on each of the computer systems within the proper sub-window.

26. The apparatus of Claim 25 wherein said sub-windows include a "waiting" sub-window, a "working" sub-window and a "completed" sub-window.

27. The apparatus of Claim 26 wherein the means for displaying the status of the execution of the command includes means for displaying the names of the computer systems in the *sub-windows* in accordance with the status of the execution of the command on the computer systems.

28. The apparatus of Claim 27 wherein when the command begins to execute on a computer system, the name of the computer system is moved from the "waiting" sub-window to the "working" sub-window.

29. The apparatus of Claim 28 wherein when the command has finished executing on a computer, the name of the computer is moved from the "working" sub-window to the "completed" sub-window.

30. The apparatus of Claim 29 wherein the "completed" sub-window is further divided into a "successful" sub-window and a "failed" sub-window.

31. The apparatus of Claim 30 wherein the names of the computer systems that have successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

32. The apparatus of Claim 31 wherein the names of the computer systems that have not successfully completed the execution of the command are displayed in the "successful" sub-window.

33. The apparatus of Claim 32 wherein the names of the computer systems are displayed in red in the "failed" sub-window.

5 34. The apparatus of Claim 33 wherein when the displayed name of a computer system is selected further information about the status of the command executing on the computer system is displayed.

10 35. The apparatus of Claim 34 wherein if the selected computer system is displayed in the failed sub-window, a reason for the unsuccessful completion of the execution of the command is displayed.

15 36. The apparatus of Claim 35 wherein if the selected computed system is displayed in the executing sub-window, a real-time progress of the execution of the command is displayed.